

A New View Of You

"Identity Theft: Recovering Who You Are", Part 3
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*"So God created man in His own image, in the image of God
He created him; male and female He created them."
(Genesis 1:27, NIV)*

I) OUR STRUGGLE: UNCOVERING WHO WE ARE

Four big identity struggles we face

1) People struggle with ___INADEQUACY___.

*"Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked;
so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves."
(Genesis 3:7, NIV)*

2) People struggle with ___INFERIORITY___.

*"Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking
in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the
trees of the garden."
(Genesis 3:8, NIV)*

3) People struggle with ___INSECURITY___.

*"But the Lord God called to the man, 'Where are you?' He answered, 'I heard you
in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid.'
(Genesis 3:9-10, NIV)*

4) People struggle with ___ISSUES OF LIFE___.

*"The man said, 'The woman you put here with me— she gave me some fruit
from the tree, and I ate it.' Then the Lord God said to the woman, 'What is this
you have done?' The woman said, 'The serpent deceived me, and I ate.'"
(Genesis 3:12-13, NIV)*

II) OUR SEARCH: DISCOVERING WHO WE ARE

*"And he said, 'Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree
that I commanded you not to eat from?'"
(Genesis 3:11, NIV)*

1) ID is not found in what ___WE THINK OF OURSELVES___.

2) ID is not found in what ___OTHERS THINK OF US___.

3) ID is not found in what ___WE THINK OTHERS THINK OF US___.

III) OUR SOLUTION: RECOVERING WHO WE ARE

***Our identity is always found in what we think
___THE MOST IMPORTANT PERSON IN OUR LIFE___ thinks of us.**

*"I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in
me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who
loved me and gave Himself up for me."
(Galatians 2:20, NASB)*

***Why?**

1) In Christ, ___OUR "OLD PERSON" HAS DIED___.

"For you died, and your life is hidden with God in Christ." (Colossians 3:3, NIV)

2) With Christ, ___WE ARE "NEW PEOPLE" INSIDE___.

"... Christ, who is your life..." (Colossians 3:4a, NIV)

3) Through Christ, ___WE CAN SEE OURSELVES AS HE DOES___.

*"...Put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its
Creator."
(Colossians 3:10, NIV)*